

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 82

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brenda Shadden on the occasion of her retirement from the University of Tennessee Extension Office in Cocke County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service and consumer education; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Shadden is one such worthy person who served the Cocke County Office of University of Tennessee (UT) Extension for forty-four years in various capacities before taking a much-deserved retirement at the end of 2018; and

WHEREAS, originally hailing from Florida, Ms. Shadden fell in love with East Tennessee's scenic terrain and friendly people after accepting a position with Cocke County Extension and eventually decided to make her career and home there; in turn, her students and colleagues embraced her and now look upon her as a dedicated professional, role model, and friend; and

WHEREAS, she started her tenure with UT Extension as an assistant agent working with expanded food and nutrition class duties and then worked her way up the ladder to serve as a full-time Family Consumer Services (FCS) agent; and

WHEREAS, after assuming the reins of leadership as Cocke County director of UT Extension, Ms. Shadden often found herself juggling three separate duties: Extension, FCS, and 4-H; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shadden's passion, determination, and resolve were invaluable to the success and growth of 4-H in Cocke County, as she spent numerous hours teaching the 4-H curriculum in county schools in addition to her myriad other duties; and

WHEREAS, her knowledge, insight, and hard work were vital to the livestock programs at the Cocke County A&I Fair, and she also served astutely as a judge in many categories at East Tennessee fairs over the years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Shadden demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of her colleagues, students, and a grateful public as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Brenda Shadden our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we pay tribute to her dedicated and proficient service to the Cocke County Office of UT Extension as director, FCS agent, and 4-H teacher.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.